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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of)	
MANUEL J. VILLA, et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1636
Serial No.: 10/651,207)	Examiner: K. Katcheves
Filed: August 29, 2003)	
For: CELLS ENGINEERED TO CONTAIN)	
GENES OF INTEREST)	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop AF
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to extend the term for response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2005 for two (2) months up to and including, Monday, April 17, 2006, which date is within the six month maximum response time afforded by 35 U.S.C. § 133.

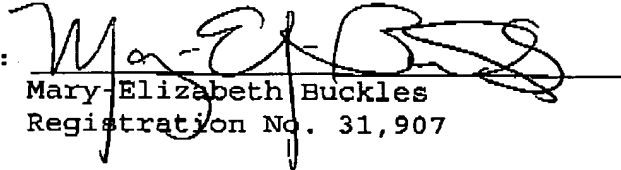
The Director is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0582 for the \$225.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.117 (a)(2) for "response within second month" by a small

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Respectfully submitted,

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